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CSTE Position Statement(s)  
11-ID-02  
Clinical Description  
An acute illness with a discrete onset of any sign or symptom consistent with acute viral hepatitis (e.g., fever, headache, malaise, anorexia, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, and abdominal pain), and either a) jaundice, or b) elevated serum alanine aminotransferase (ALT) or aspartate aminotransferase (AST) levels.  
Laboratory Criteria For Diagnosis  
Immunoglobulin M (IgM) antibody to hepatitis A virus (anti-HAV) positive  
Case Classification  
Confirmed  
A case that meets the clinical case definition and is laboratory confirmed,  
OR  
A case that meets the clinical case definition and occurs in a person who has an epidemiologic link with a person who has laboratory-confirmed hepatitis A (i.e., household or sexual contact with an infected person during the 15-50 days before the onset of symptoms)  
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